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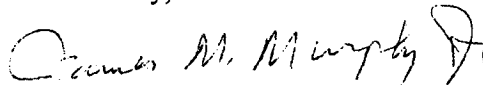
Dear Mr. Rebolledo,

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached in connection with the operation of Article 3.17 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Agreement) between the Governments of the United States of America (United States) and the Republic of Chile (Chile):

1. Chile reiterates the acknowledgement set forth in paragraph 1 of the "Commitments Regarding Mutual Recognition of the Chilean and U.S. Grading Programs" in Annex 3.17 of the Agreement that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is a competent entity of grading quality, certifying all materials referred to in Article 5 of Chilean Regulation No. 19162, with respect to meats exported to Chile from the United States.
2. The United States and Chile recognize that, for purposes of Annex 3.17 of the Agreement, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is the entity that issues the official sanitary certification, which includes the official AMS certification of all materials referred to in Article No. 5 of Chilean Regulation No. 19162, with respect to meats exported to Chile from the United States.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, confirming that your Government shares this understanding, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments that shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply.

Sincerely,



James M. Murphy, Jr.
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Agricultural Affairs

COURTESY TRANSLATION

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Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of March 26, 2009, which reads as follows:

“I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached in connection with the operation of Article 3.17 of the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (Agreement) between the Governments of the United States of America (United States) and the Republic of Chile (Chile):

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I have the honor to propose that this letter, and your letter in reply, confirming that your Government shares this understanding, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments that shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply.”

I have the honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments that shall enter into force on this date.

Sincerely,